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Executive Board Meeting Summary
Thursday, September 19, 2024

PLEDGE AND AGENDA

Following the Call to Order/Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance by President Lind, the Board accepted the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes and financial matters were approved along with the following personnel items:

- ~ Request for Contracts for 6 educational support personnel (ESP) and 0 licensed staff
- ~ Resignations/retirements by 5 ESP and 2 licensed staff
- ~ 2 Contract Staff

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

STARS Student of the Month

The Board recognized a student from Ms. Holston's classroom at Laremont School, as the September STARS student. This student comes to school eager to learn. He is doing an excellent job with becoming an effective and efficient communicator as he continues to learn vocabulary and concepts on his eye gaze device.

Employee of the Month

The Board recognized Dr. Julie Sweeney-Grana, Audiologist, as September's Employee of the Month. Julie is truly dedicated to helping children hear. She goes above and beyond to meet the needs of students effectively and efficiently. She is also dedicated to leading and inspiring her team to serve children, parents and fellow staff members to the best of their abilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was one person who spoke during Public Comment.

SEDOL CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP)

Continuous Improvement Plan

Dr. Hackett and Dr. Thomas spoke on building and implementing the SEDOL CIP to include the following:

- Alignment to ELS review
- Stakeholder sessions
- Establishing SEDOL leadership priorities
- Development of the CIP goals and objectives
- Identify associated CIP dashboard indicators
- Engaging member districts, staff and parents
- Monthly CIP updates
- Continue to refine the process

OLD BUSINESS

FY23 Audit Update

Dr. Johns discussed with the Board that the FY23 audit has an anticipated completion date of November or December, 2024. The FY24 audit is scheduled to begin once the FY23 audit is complete.

FY25 Budget Amendment

Dr. Johns updated the Board on the current status of the FY25 budget review. There are discrepancies that will cause the budget to need to be revised once the review is finalized. The final draft will be presented at the October Executive Board meeting.

Review of SEDOL 5-Year Facilities Capital/Maintenance Plan

This plan is a working document and often results in items being moved to future years when possible due to budgetary constraints. Projects for summer 2025 are all related to Fairhaven School, mainly the roofing project.

Assistant Superintendent of Business

The Assistant Superintendent of Business position will continue to be posted and applications reviewed. There was agreement to seek an additional interim CSBO until SEDOL hires a permanent CSBO.

NEW BUSINESS

Snow Removal Request for Proposals

Dr. Johns informed the Board on the need to request proposals for snow removal at Fairhaven School for the 2024-25 school year due to D75/120 no longer being able to provide this service. The board approved the request to seek proposals.

Amendment to the Architect Master Agreement

The Board approved amending the Architect Master Agreement with Graves Design Group for Summer 2025 Project work at Fairhaven School.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered into closed session to discuss:

1. The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.
2. Collective bargaining matters, collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

OTHER BUSINESS

Request for Non-Member District Placements

Crystal Lake District 46 requested placement for one student in the SEDOL LASSO Program. The Board did not approve this request.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports

INFORMATIONAL

SEDOL Foundation

Ann Subry, SEDOL Foundation, shared the success of the recent Golf Invitational and the Making Strides for Special Kids 5K. She also shared that the November 9th, "One Special Night" event, will benefit the Laremont MOVE Model site implementation.

The Foundation has also received a \$10,000 grant which will benefit the vocational department and another \$10,000 grant that will go towards the backpack program.

Future Foundation Events:

- One Special Night- November 9
- Ping Pong for the Kids- February 2
- Laremont Trivia Night- March 15
- Dinner Dance- April 26
- Pucks for Autism- June 20-22

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

The Board thanked Dr. Johns for his presentation and transparency with the budget and also thanked Dr. Hackett and Dr. Thomas for their team leadership approach to working with SEDOL administration and staff.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.